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| Application of: | Vance et al. |) | |
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 4, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.